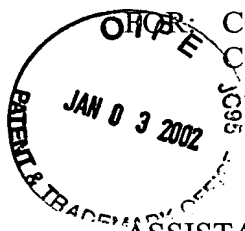


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In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated December 7, 2001, applicants provisionally elect with traverse the fifth species, shown in Figure 14, and list claims 15-17 as readable thereon. Applicants also wish to point out that Figure 14 shows an exemplary cooling method of the present invention.

The Election of Species Requirement asserts that the application contains claims to patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. However, MPEP § 803 states the following:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, applicants respectfully traverse the Election of Species Requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the examiner.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single disclosed species be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

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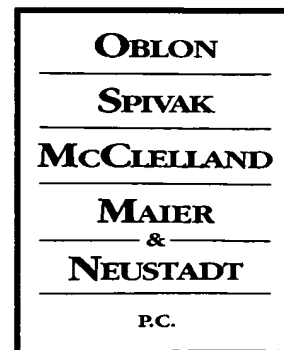
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